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SUBJECT: DRAFT BASKET I SPEECH

REF: STATE 266687

1. DRAFT SPEECH TRANSMITTED REFTEL HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY
APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. FOLLOWING
VIEWS ARE TRANSMITTED FOR POSSIBLE USE OF DELEGATION IN
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COMPLETING TEXT OF PLANNED BASKET I SPEECH:

A. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT SUMMING UP SPEECH
OF THE TYPE REQUESTED BY AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO ENSURE THAT THE SOVIETS
CANNOT AT SOME POINT CLAIM THAT THE "REVIEW" PORTION OF
THE MEETING HAS BEEN CONCLUDED AND THAT IT IS NO LONGER

PROPER TO RAISE PAST CASES. TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFUSION, DEPARTMENT WOULD SUGGEST DELETING FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 AND ADDING WORDS "OF THE CONFERENCE" AFTER WORD "PERIOD" IN NEXT SENTENCE OF THE PARAGRAPH. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT IN ANY REDRAFTING OF ORIGINAL TEXT, CARE BE TAKEN NOT TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE "REVIEW" PHASE HAS CONCLUDED.

B. MAJOR QUESTION CONCERNING DRAFT IS MENTION OF SPECIFIC NAMES. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, DELEGATION HAS NOT RAISED NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS DURING BASKET I DELIBERATIONS, AND WE WONDER ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF RAISING THEM IN SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DISCUSSIONS. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WITH ANY OF THE NAMES INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT, WE NOTE THAT THE MENTION OF NAMES IS NOT A NECESSARY CONSEQUENCE OF THE POINTS BEING MADE IN THE REST OF THE SPEECH. DEPARTMENT DEFERS TO JUDGMENT OF DELEGATION ON ADVISABILITY OF INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL NAMES AT THIS POINT. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE LARGE NUMBER OF NAMES CONTAINED IN CURRENT DRAFT MIGHT FOCUS MORE ATTENTION ON THIS ASPECT OF THE PRESENTATION THAN ORIGINALLY INTENDED.

C. ONE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF DEALING WITH QUESTION OF NAMES MIGHT BE TO MENTION THE GENERAL CATEGORIES AS CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT DRAFT AND TO STATE THAT
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DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED BY AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG TO THE RESPECTIVE HEADS OF DELEGATION.

D. POINT IN PARA 13 OF DRAFT CONCERNING NEED TO STRENGTHEN FOUNDATIONS OF DETENTE COULD IN OUR VIEW BE EXPANDED EVEN MORE. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE ADDITION OF SENTENCE AT END OF THE PARAGRAPH ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE MUST BE BUILT ON MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. THAT CONFIDENCE CAN ONLY BE ERODED IF THE MEANING OF UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN THE FINAL ACT IS SUBJECT TO TOTALLY CONFLICTING INTERPRETATIONS."

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